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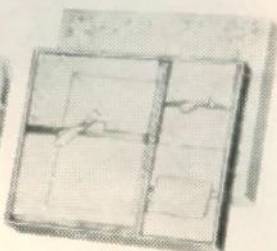
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The AWFUL WASTE



IT WAS A HOT AUGUST NIGHT--WE WERE SWEATING, BUT WE HAD TO WEAR COATS--MEN WITH SHOULDER HOLSTERS ALWAYS WEAR COATS...



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"WE'VE SENT HUNDREDS OF HIS MEN TO JAIL! AND THEY'VE ALL COME CLEAN... EVERY ONE OF THEM HAS TOLD US ALL HE KNOWS! BUT NOT ONE COULD TELL US WHO THE MAN ON TOP IS..."



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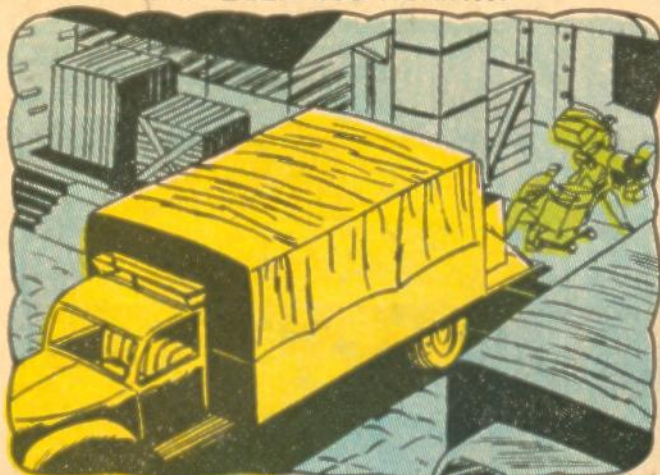
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"AND EVERY TIME WE CLOSE DOWN A WAREHOUSE, ANOTHER ONE POPS UP SOMEWHERE ELSE... AND **HE**--WHOEVER HE IS--IS IN BUSINESS AGAIN..."



IT JUST DOESN'T ADD UP! WHOEVER HE IS, HE'S BEEN ROLLING ALONG FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS NOW! BIG MONEY'S BEEN HEADING HIS WAY! WE'VE HAD THE TAX MEN WORKING WITH US, OPERATIVES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO WATCH OUT FOR BIG SPENDERS! BUT THERE'S BEEN NO LEAD TO HIM YET!



ONLY ONE THING LEFT FOR US TO DO, WE'LL HAVE TO WORK FROM THE INSIDE! WE'LL HAVE TO GET ONE OF OUR MEN TO JOIN THE RACKET--AND GET TO THE TOP MAN THAT WAY!



UNDERCOVER WORK MEANT WE HAD TO IMPORT A MAN FROM ANOTHER CITY-- SOMEBODY WHO COULDN'T BE FINGERED AS A POLICE OPERATIVE...



HENDRICK WAS A FAST WORKER BUT IT TOOK HIM OVER A MONTH TO MAKE HIS FIRST CONTACT...

I'M BUSTED, PAL-- BUT I'M LOADED WITH HOT STUFF! YOU WOULDN'T KNOW A RIGHT JOHN WHO COULD CASH IT FOR ME, WOULD YOU?

MAYBE-- COME ALONG!



HOW DO WE KNOW YOU'RE ON THE LEVEL?

WANT TO SEE MY CLIPPINGS? HEY, WAIT A SEC-- WHO'S **HE**?

THAT'S POP, HE SWEEPS UP AROUND HERE! HE'S A DUMMY! YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HIM!



HMMM-- YOU'VE SERVED PLENTY OF TIME ALL RIGHT! A REAL HEIST MAN-- HUH? HOW'D YOU LIKE TO WORK STEADY?

IF THE PAY'S GOOD, WHY NOT?



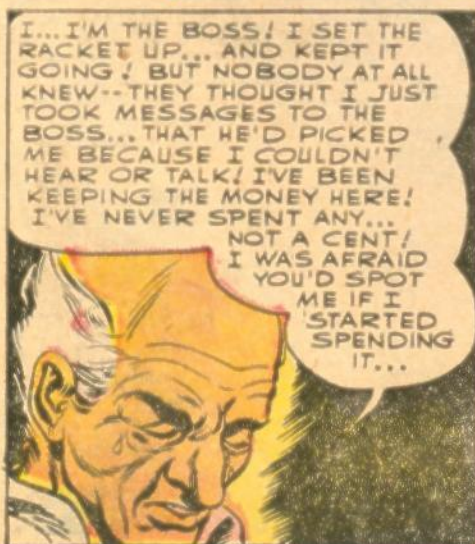
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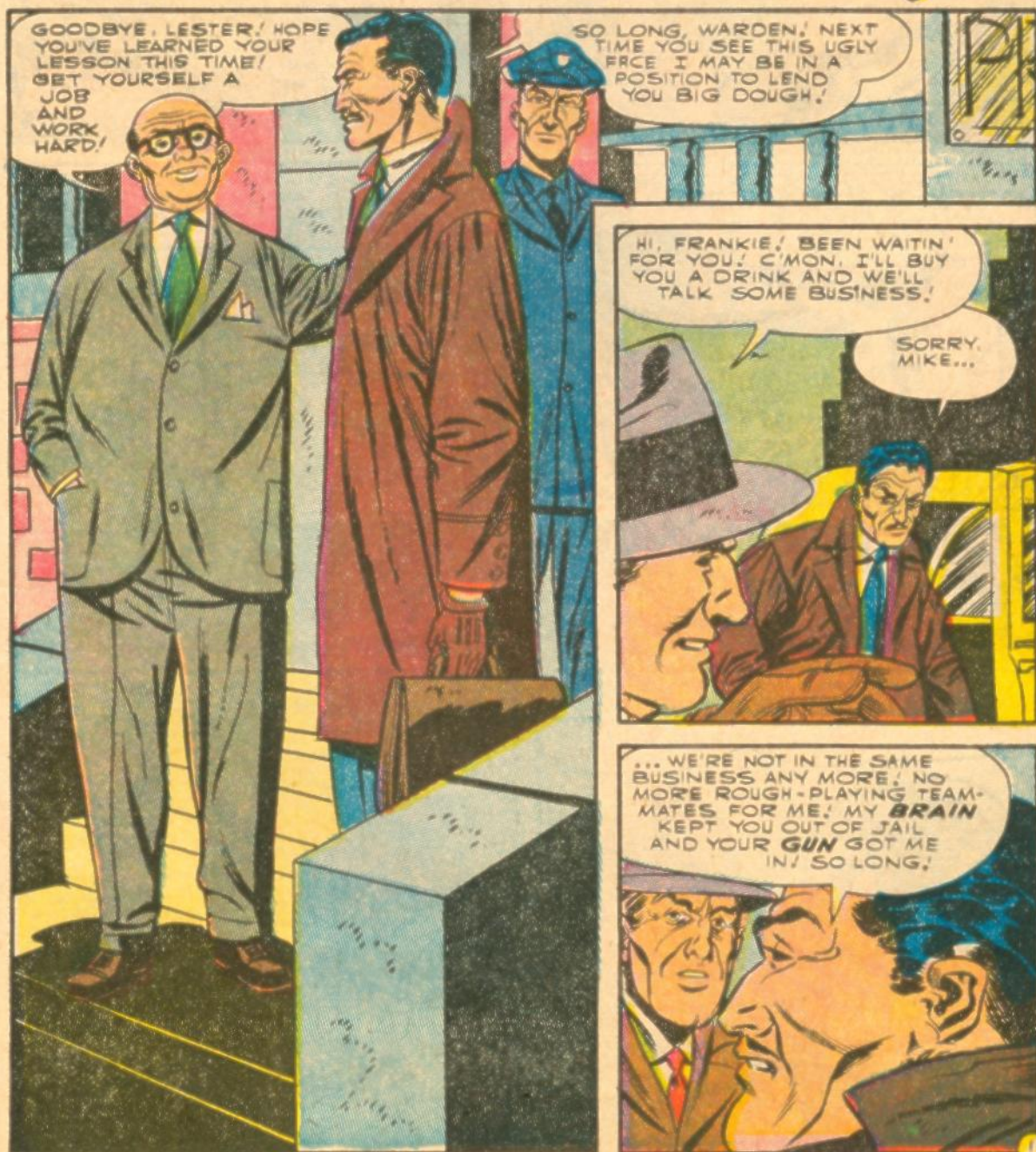


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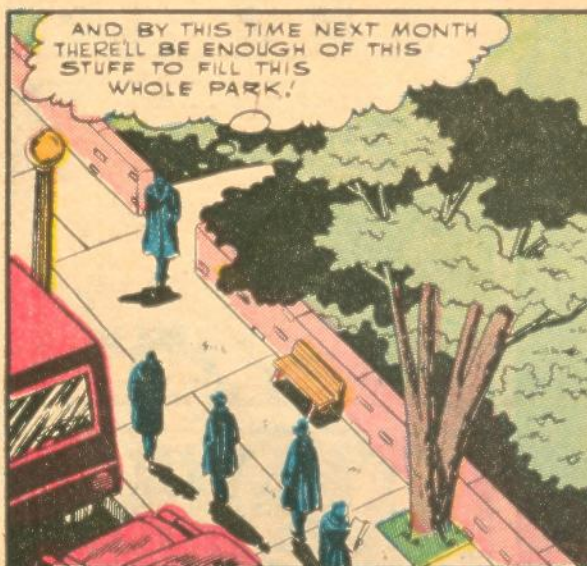
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THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE BEEN WALKED OUT OF THESE STEEL DOORS BY A POMPOUS FOOL OF A WARDEN, NOR IS THIS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE BEEN HANDED AN ENVELOPE CONTAINING TEN DOLLARS, LIKE SOME KID LEAVING FOR SCHOOL! NO, **FRANK LESTER**, THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME, BUT IT'LL BE THE LAST! YOU'VE DECIDED THAT...

THIS TIME YOU'LL PLAY IT SMART



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SO THE RACKET COP SKIDDOOS! WHAT ELSE CAN HE DO? THERE'S NOTHING HERE FOR HIM TO PUT A FINGER ON...YET...



THAT'S ONE DETECTIVE I'LL NEVER SEE AGAIN! IN THIS BUSINESS OF MINE THERE'LL BE NO ROUGH STUFF-- AND IT'S ONLY ROUGH STUFF THAT BRINGS HIM RUNNING!

YOUR NEXT STEP, LESTER, IS TO GET YOURSELF A REP AS A BIG SHOT... A WHEEL... A "MAN ABOUT THE MARKET" WHOSE FLASHING BANKROLL "PROVES" HE'S MADE PLENTY...



AND THEN TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT REP BY SPREADING SOME INTERESTING INFORMATION AROUND TOWN...



NOW MIND YOU, MY GOOD WOMAN, I HAVE NO OFFICIAL STANDING IN THE EXCHANGE, NOR AM I A LICENSED BROKER OR CONSULTANT...THIS IS MERELY MY PERSONAL OPINION...**BUT**, I HAPPEN TO KNOW THAT NORTH AMERICAN OIL IS WHAT WE CALL "HOT"--ANYBODY BUYING TODAY AND HOLDING FOR A WHILE WILL MAKE A **FANTASTIC PROFIT!**

REALLY? OH, MR. LESTER, WAIT! MY HUSBAND HEARS ABOUT THIS! HE'S BEEN DYING TO INVEST OUR SAVINGS IN SOMETHING GOOD!



BY NIGHTFALL OF THAT SAME DAY, LESTER, NORTH AMERICAN OIL HAD BEEN BOOSTED WAY, WAY UP BY THE FRENZIED BUYING--AND **YOU**, ONE OF IT'S PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDERS, HAD MADE A SMALL FORTUNE...

THAT'S CORRECT, MR. YOUNG! I WISH TO **SELL** ALL MY NORTH AMERICAN HOLDINGS AT ONCE!



RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

YOU'RE FLUSHED WITH VICTORY, LESTER--AND IT WAS SO EASY, SO YOU SELECT ANOTHER MORIBUND OIL COMPANY--AND THE ANOTHER...



EVERYBODY LIKES TO BOAST A LITTLE, LESTER, EVEN YOU! SO WHEN YOU HAPPEN TO MEET MIKE AGAIN, YOU'RE HAPPY, GENUINELY HAPPY TO SEE HIM...

NICE SEEING YOU AGAIN! CHECK YOUR MUSCLES, BOY, AND I'LL BUY YOU A DRINK!

HEY! YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE MADE IT! WHAT YOU BEEN DOING?



AFTER A DRINK OR TWO, LESTER, MIKE ASKS YOU TO EXPLAIN YOUR GIMMICK, WHICH YOU GLADLY DO. AFTER ALL, IT'S LEGAL, ISN'T IT? NOT ETHICAL... BUT STILL LEGAL...

SEE HIM? THAT'S JOSHUA COURTNEY--A MIDDLE-INCOME JOE WITH A YEN TO BE RICH! HE'S A SUCKER FOR MARKET TIPS--IN FACT, MY **SPECIAL** SUCKER! ALWAYS GOOD FOR A FEW "G's" TO LEAD THE BUYING PARADE!

YOU MEAN EVEN IF HE GETS BURNED... HE DOESN'T LEARN!



HE'S BEEN BURNED SO OFTEN, HE'S CRISPY IN THE HEAD! WATCH **THIS!**

WHY MR. LESTER! HOW ARE YOU, SIR? ER...AH... ANYTHING GOOD ON THE MARKET THIS AFTERNOON?



NOW HE GOES AND BUYS THIS **POLAR OIL STOCK** YOU TOUT HIM ON? AND TELLS OTHER SHMOES TO BUY IT, TOO?

RIGHT! I, OF COURSE, UNLOAD ALL MY HOLDINGS AFTER THE RUMOR SPREADS THAT IT'S HOT, AND MAKE A NEAT PROFIT! SIMPLE... EASY... AND DECIDEDLY **NOT ROUGH!** NO SIR, NO ROUGH STUFF FOR ME! SEE YOU AROUND, MIKE!





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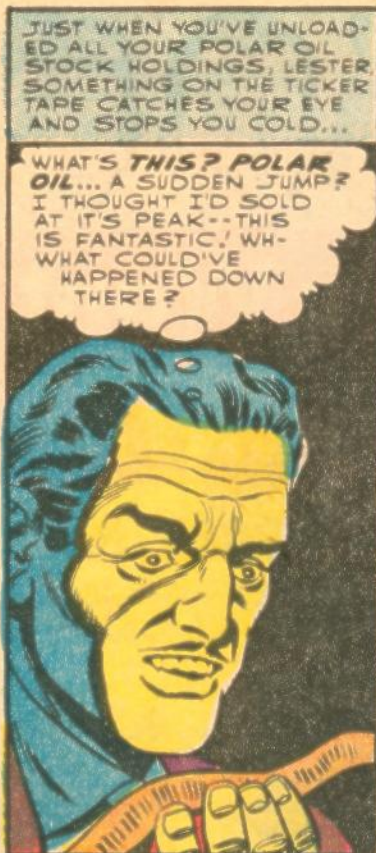
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IT STILL LOOKS LIKE IT MIGHT TURN OUT ALL RIGHT FOR YOU AGAIN, EH LESTER? HAD TO RESORT TO A LITTLE ROUGH STUFF, THOUGH. DIDN'T YOU, BUT A MAN LIKE COURTNEY WAS BORN TO BE SHOVED AROUND. WASN'T HE?





DON'T BE A SUCKER

"To my knowledge," stated Griff the Grifter, "there is just one thing on the carnival lot that isn't gaffed — and that thing is the Ferris Wheel. But" — he added this with a solemn nod "if anybody asked me to bet a buck on which car would be at the bottom of the Ferris Wheel when it stops, I wouldn't take a chance. I'd know then that somebody had figured a gaff for the thing. Otherwise, nobody would be offering to put up moola."

"Ever hear of a racket?" queried Griff. "Well, the carnival biz is the original racket. Back when I first came with it — that's going on forty years now — we used to say 'He's in the racket' whenever we referred to another carney."

We went along. A blatant cry greeted us: "Pop 'em in the bucket! Pop 'em in the bucket!" The bucket in question was slanted in back of a counter that was stocked with cheap baseballs and the idea very obviously was to toss a ball into the bucket without having it bounce out. There were three of these buckets in a line and three players were trying to sink baseballs with easy, underhand lobs.

So easy, you just couldn't miss.

That was how it looked, but not how, it worked out. The players were placing them in the buckets, but the balls wouldn't stay. Always one popped out, usually the third and last. "Too bad," the grifter behind the counter would say. "Close, but no cigar! No prize this time, but better luck next time!" Only next time, the player invariably missed one ball again.

"I do not have to be a mind reader," declared Griff as he led us on our way, "to reveal your thoughts concerning the bucket game."

You are thinking that the player must get nervous on the final ball and that is why he misses."

"The truth is," stated Griff, "that the operator gets careful. He steps on a pedal alongside the bucket platform and a second bottom presses up against the bucket. The double bottom is tight as a drum and a ball is sure to bounce out when it hits there. Cute, the way the grifter stands close to root that last ball home, like he really wanted the chump to win for once. He has to stand close to step on the gaff."

Griff stopped next at a counter where players were taking turns bombarding a big stuffed tomcat that was perched on a stand near the back canvas. Every now and then, somebody scored a direct hit that flattened the huge cat, but nobody seemed to win. The reason was soon explained.

"Gotta knock him off!" the operator shrieked. "Gotta knock Big Tom off the stand! Here, grandpop" — he trust a ball into Griff's hand — "you look like an old time ball player. Why don't you try? This one's on the house."

Griff sighted on Big Tom, winged a swift pitch that caught the stuffed cat amidships and knocked it clear of the stand. By the time the object landed on the ground, the concession was doing a land office business. Players were buying throws on a three-for-a-quarter basis, all sure they could emulate the speed and skill of an old codger like Griff.

They were knocking Big Tom over when we left, but still nobody but Griff could sweep him off the perch. Griff told us why, when we were safely along the Midway.

"The cat is weighted at the bottom," Griff explained, "so heavily that you can knock it down, but never off."

"Never off? But you knocked it off."

"Never off," repeated Griff, "if the cat is set where it should be, against a pin at the front of the shelf. But to encourage trade, the operator sometimes sets the cat at a spot a few inches back. Then, when you knock it down, it will topple off the back of the shelf, since it is overbalanced."

"Then the operator recognized you and set the gaff for you to win?"

"You are catching on quickly, chump," expressed Griff. "Excuse me, I mean chum. Yes, like the Bucket Game, Big Tom is tried and true. When a game never grows old, you know it's got something. Still, new ones do keep cropping up. I'll show you."

Griff took us to a most curious contrivance. Behind a counter was a large pedestal from which a stream of air blew steadily upward, keeping a hundred or more ping-pong balls floating in constant circulation. The thing was fascinating to watch, the balls being literally balanced on the continual current. However, since they were always getting in each other's way, the result was a swirl in which balls would drop down into a vortex, then get blown up again. Hence the whole mass was in a haphazard, ever-shifting formation.

The coy girl behind the counter took a net and dipped it into a whirl of balls. The net was transparent, so you saw that it went in empty before it came out bringing a ball. The girl took the ball from the net, showed a number that was stamped on it. She smiled.

"See how lucky I am?" The girl said. "Number Nine. That's one of the low numbers" — she gestured to a chart — "and you'd have gotten a big prize if you'd picked this ball. Why don't you try?"

Griff nodded, so we tried, after the girl had tossed the Nine Ball back into the swirl. But every ball we netted — at a dime a ball — had a number higher than ten. Those high numbers just didn't count. We couldn't even win a tin whistle.

"Don't tell us that game is gaffed, Griff," we argued as we walked away. "It was just bad luck. The girl picked a good one, only we didn't."

"That," stated Griff, "was skill — not chance."

"You mean it wasn't a game of chance?"

"The Blower, as it is familiarly known," declared Griff, "is not a game of chance, because the customer has no chance. Behind the counter,

the girl was able to dip down deep into the whirl of ping-pong balls. That's where the low numbers stay."

"You mean they don't blow as high as the bigger numbers? Why not, Griff?"

"Because, my boy, they are previously treated with a hypodermic syringe. Not doped in the usual fashion, though they are given a shot of mercury, which allows them to balance and behave normally in the air-current — except that they keep low. Low numbers — stay low! Then the sims can't reach them."

Griff was still chuckling over the Blower and its ways when we stopped beside a platform where customers were tossing dimes on cigarette packs that were lying there. All the packs were of the sort that had a big printed circle on the side. The object was to land a coin there.

"Here's your chance to be lucky!" the grifter told the customers. "Get your cigarettes at a dime a carton! Lay a dime completely in the circle and win a carton of cigarettes."

Those dimes just wouldn't stay in the circle. Always, they slid over the edge and a good many of them flopped off the pack entirely. The platform was nearly carpeted with dimes when we left.

"A nice gaff," nodded Griff, approvingly. "Sort of factory-made. Whoever invented cellophane must have wanted to help out the carney grifters. There's just too much slide; a dime never will stop inside the circle."

As a contrast between the new and old, Griff steered us to another cigarette game, one we'd often seen before. Packs of cigarettes were stand-on little glass shelves and the game was to knock them off with corks fired from a pop-gun.

We tried our marksmanship and missed with surprising regularity. Just as you'd get the feel of a gun, you'd find your aim was off worse than ever. The corks varied in weight, but after you'd caught onto that, you still couldn't score many hits. At last Griff gave the operator a wink.

"Hold the gun away from you," Griff suggested, "and then look straight along the barrel."

You could see it easily. Somebody had put the gun in a vise and bent the barrel ever so slightly. What it did to your aim was plenty. The better the marksman, the more it hurt.

"And that," Griff decided, "is the neatest gaff along the Midway."

We'd found out one thing from old Griff, the Grifter. The more you see of carnival games, the more you recognize the odds against you. Don't be deceived by occasional winners. They are almost invariably "shills" working with the concessions.

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THE SALESMEN WENT TO WORK WITH A WILL... THEY HAD A BIG PACKAGE TO SELL... AND SOME OF THEM BOUGHT THE POLICY THEMSELVES...



I'M SOLD! HOW ABOUT YOU, HARRY?

I KNOW I NEED A CARBON AND VALVE JOB, ED. WHAT CAN I LOSE?



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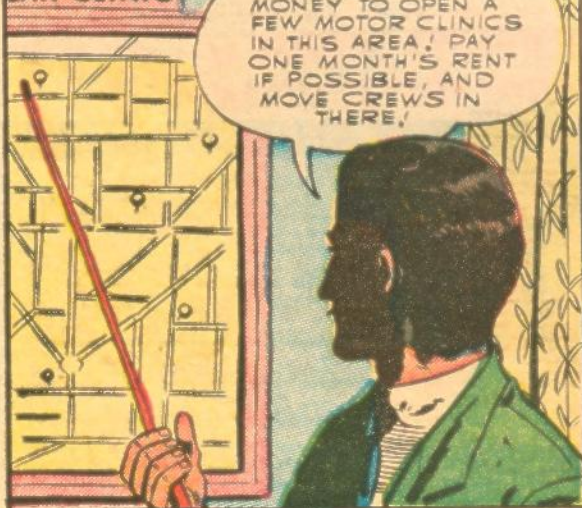


FUNNY THING IS, LAWSON, THIS SCHEME MIGHT WORK LEGITIMATELY IF WE WANTED TO WORK IT THAT WAY!

LEGITIMATELY? NO... WE'LL GRAB OUR FAST BUCK AND LAM!



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RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION



...AND THE WEEKS PASSED! THE HUNDRED DOLLAR CHECKS ROLLED IN AND THE SHINY MOTOR CLINICS HUMMED WITH ACTION... BUT MORE THAN COMPETING GARAGE OWNERS WERE BEGINNING TO WONDER...



RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION



RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION



THE END

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

MY NAME IS SIDNEY RADNER AND I COVER THE COUNTRY EXPOSING CROOKED GAMBLERS. THEY'RE FOUND EVERYWHERE, EVEN IN BOWLING ALLEYS WHICH ARE LITERALLY ON THE LEVEL... AND HERE IS HOW SUCH CROOKS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HONEST BOWLERS... THE STORY OF TWO GAMBLERS, TIM AGNEW AND JERRY GREBB...

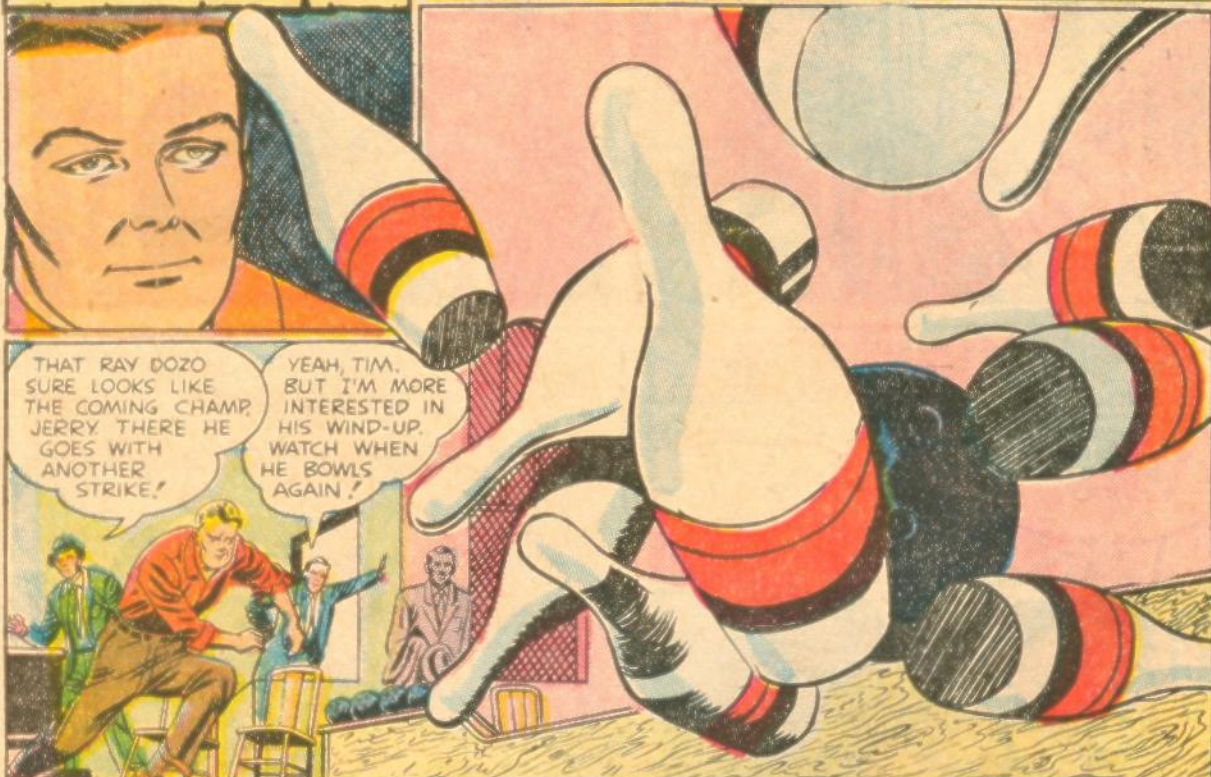
GAMBLERS NEVER GAMBLE. THEY PREFER SURE MONEY WHEN MAKING A BET. THEIR MOTTO IS..

HOOK LINE and SUCKER!



THAT RAY DOZO SURE LOOKS LIKE THE COMING CHAMP. JERRY THERE HE GOES WITH ANOTHER STRIKE!

YEAH, TIM, BUT I'M MORE INTERESTED IN HIS WIND-UP. WATCH WHEN HE BOWLS AGAIN!



SEE HOW HE STARTS CLEAR BACK AT THOSE CHAIRS? WHY, HE'D BE SITTING IN OUR LAPS IF WE WERE THERE!

I GET IT, JERRY. LET'S GO AND PUT SOME DOUGH ON THE BIG MATCH.

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

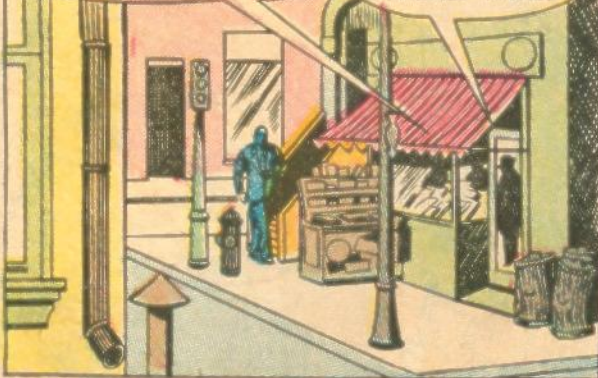
WE'RE PUTTING UP A FEW CENTURIES FOR RAY DOZO TO WIN THE BOWLING MATCH. THAT'S OFFICIAL... UNDERSTAND?

BUT HERE'S A COUPLE OF GRAND **AGAINST** DOZO, MARGE. ONLY LIST IT UNDER THESE PHONEY NAMES

THE NIGHT OF THE BIG MATCH

HI, DOZO BOY! WE ARRANGED TO GET THESE SEATS SO WE COULD BE RIGHT BEHIND YOU!

I COULDN'T WANT ANY BETTER. I HEAR YOU BOYS HAVE MONEY ON ME.



WATCH THIS TEN STRIKE, FELLOWS! I'M IN FETTER FOR THIS MATCH!



YOU'RE DOING GREAT, DOZO! EVEN A COUPLE OF SPARES WILL CINCH THIS GAME!

I'M DOING OKAY, EH?



BUT SOMETHING BEGAN TO GO WRONG WITH DOZO'S GAME...

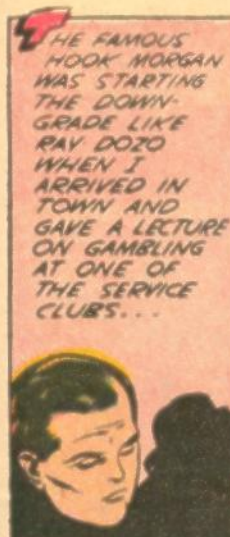
HE MUST'VE GONE OFF STRIDE! HE HASN'T MADE A STRIKE IN THE LAST THREE FRAMES!



RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION



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WE HADN'T MORE THAN AN HOUR TO WAIT BEFORE OUR MEN SHOWED UP DISGUISED AS WORKMEN...

GET BUSY WITH THE SAND-PAPER, JERRY, WHILE I LOOK AROUND.

THERE'S NOBODY HERE, TIM. LEND ME A HAND SO WE CAN FINISH QUICKER.

THIS WILL DO. WE DON'T CARE IF HIS HOOK DOES WORK AFTER IT GETS THIS FAR!

HOOK WILL JUST THINK HIS GAME IS OFF-AS USUAL!



SAY... WHO ARE YOU?

THE NAME'S RADNER AND I HAVE A FRIEND WHO WANTS TO MEET YOU.

IT'S HOOK MORGAN! WE GOTTA LAM, TIM!

YES, IT'S HOOK MORGAN... AND HERE'S WHERE I PUT THE HOOK ON YOU, AGNEW!



IF IT ISN'T MY OLD BUDDY, JERRY GREBB. REMEMBER ME... RAY DOZO?

NICE GOING, RAY!

LATER

I'VE STILL GOT MY HOOK... WHEN I USE A REGULAR ALLEY!

AND YOU'LL BE IN FORM TOO, RAY... IF YOU DON'T LET WRONG GUYS WORK THE CHAIR TRICK ON YOU!

THAT WAS THE END OF THE BOWLING "FIX", AT LEAST IN ONE TOWN... BUT WATCH FOR GYPS LIKE TIM AND JERRY... THEY'RE EVERYWHERE!



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RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

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THANK YOU, MR. BLISS!



AT THE THREE ELMS HOTEL, MR. ERSKINE HIRED THE MAN...

MR. BLISS SENT YOU, EH? ALL RIGHT, YOU START WORK THIS MORNING! YOU'LL SLEEP IN THE EMPLOYEE'S BUILDING!

YOU WON'T REGRET THIS, MR. ERSKINE!



NO, MR. ERSKINE DIDN'T REGRET IT... THEN! BUT THE MAN HE'D HIRED REGRETTED IT THREE DAYS LATER...

I'VE HAD SEVERAL COMPLAINTS ABOUT YOUR WORK--BROWN! I'M AFRAID WE'LL HAVE TO LET YOU GO!

COM-PLAINTS? MR. ERSKINE, I PAID FOR THIS JOB! YOU CAN'T...



YOU HAD YOUR CHANCE, BROWN! YOU HAVE NO COMPLAINTS AT ALL! PACK UP AND MOVE OUT!

Y-YES, SIR!



RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

BROWN RETURNED TO NEW YORK... DETERMINED TO GET THE AGENCY FEE BACK... BUT HE HAD NO LUCK...

ARE YOU CRAZY? YOU GOT THE JOB WE SENT YOU FOR, DIDN'T YOU? BEAT IT, BUDDY! GET OUT!



LATER THAT DAY... ANOTHER JOB APPLICANT APPEARED... PAID HIS FEE, AND WAS TOLD TO REPORT TO THE SAME PLACE...

THAT'S RIGHT, ROGERS! REPORT TO MR. ERSKINE AT THE THREE ELMS HOTEL! HE'S GOT A PAINTER'S JOB OPEN! SAY MR. BLISS SENT YOU!

THANKS, MR. BLISS!



AT THE HOTEL ONCE MORE...

YOU'LL FIND THE PAINT BRUSHES AND THINGS IN THE UTILITY ROOM! YOU HAVE THE JOB, ROGERS!

FOR HOW LONG, MR. ERSKINE? IS THIS A STEADY JOB?

OF COURSE, MR. ROGERS! JUST SO YOU DO THE WORK!



I'M FIRED? AFTER ONLY **FOUR** DAYS? BUT I PAID FOR A STEADY JOB!

DON'T GIVE ME ANY BACKTALK, ROGERS! YOUR WORK DOESN'T SATISFY THE MANAGEMENT SO YOU'RE THROUGH!



I'M NOT THROUGH, ERSKINE! **YOU** ARE! YOUR SWEET LITTLE RACKET WITH AL BLISS IS OVER! I O'MALLEY OF THE RACKET SQUAD!

THE RACKET SQUAD? BLISS SAID WE'D NEVER GET CAUGHT!



THIS IS O'MALLEY! MAKE THE ARREST ON AL BLISS! NO, THE AGENCY WASN'T IN ON IT! ERSKINE UP HERE WOULD CALL BLISS FOR A MAN AND THEN FIRE HIM AND HIRE ANOTHER! THEY SPLIT THE FEES, OF COURSE!



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